

Wesleyan Mission Society, and the first Methodist who occupied a seat in the British House of Commons. He was a princely man, but, though blest with affluence, he still held his office as class leader, and often presided at the anniversary meetings of the Missionary and other societies. He was worthy of the honour conferred upon him by the Missionary in Kafir land.

(Conclusion next month.)

MODERN ANANIASSES AND SAPPHIRAS.

HYPOCRISY had its birth in hell ; the hypocrite is one—

“Who steals the livery of the court of heaven,
To serve the devil in.”

Christian men stand aghast, and sceptics look on and disdainfully smile, when some glaring hypocrisy of to-day is detected in the Church of Christ, and bitter epithets are hurled at the unfortunate victim from pen, and pulpit, and pew, as if it were some new crime detected—just newly born. While the world joins in the hue and cry, and hisses and groans as it assails the Christian Church, as though *it* had found out some new fraud within its pale.

The truth is, hypocrisy is a monster that has lived in every age, roamed through every clime, and proudly stalked to and fro among men for nearly six thousand years! Adam was tinged with it when he hid himself among the bushes in Eden from the presence of the Lord. Achan was clothed with it, though he tried to cover it by his soldier's garb. Judas carried the purse, but he also carried a deceitful heart, so that in the very first band of Christian preachers there was “a wolf in sheep's clothing.”

Ananias and Sapphira professed the religion of Jesus and united with the “one hundred and twenty ;” but they proved themselves liars and hypocrites, and left a stain in the portals of the first church in christendom.